Insanitary condition of the premises of the Sri Mulam Buildings, Vanchiyoor.

83. ✱ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the insanitary condition of the premises of the Sri Mulam Buildings, Vanchiyor, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of the necessity of improving the condition of the premises by covering up the channels on the sides of the above buildings?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the locality any time?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir, I have done so in respect of the Vanchiyoor Scheme which is pending with the Corporation.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether he has visited the locality during the rainy seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Well, I have not recently But I have been there—some six months ago.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the premises are in a dirty condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I cannot say now; I may have a look at it.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is aware that the Advisory Board passed a resolution requesting Government that at least a parapet wall should be constructed on the western side of the High Court buildings up to Pettah?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir. We have to decide what the height of the wall should be. The Drainage Engineer is examining the whole question. As soon as he decides that, the work will be taken up.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know when the work will commence?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As soon as the investigation is completed and the estimates are ready.

Rates of the daily wages of coolies.

84. ✱ MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is great difference between the local rates of the daily wages of coolies and the P. W. D. rates?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN; No. Rates that will give the labourers good living wages are always paid and when possible ration of rice is also obtained and distributed.

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